Public Meeting KITTERY ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR STUDY WIN 026680.00

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Study Purpose and Need

- Better align the transportation corridor along Route 1 with desired redevelopment (a mixed-use residential village).
- Identify strategies to improve safety and mobility for all transportation modes.
- Identify short-term safety improvements associated with pedestrian crossing needs.
- Evaluate long-term corridor conceptual improvements that provide safe access as well as bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Public Meeting #1 (9/27/23) Recap

- 1. Through Traffic vs. Outlet Traffic
- 2. Prioritizing Spruce Creek and Environmental Impacts
- 3. Wilson Road signal function in fixed time mode and allows for better access/egress from KTP driveway on Wilson Road
- 4. A signal at KTP/Cottage should be considered even thou it was denied previously due to proximity to Wilson signal
- 5. Lack of connectivity due to the interchange, while not part of this study, should be reflected in recommendations at southern end of study area
- 6. How does decline of retail impact future buildout of area although KTP is growing.
- 7. Bike safety from Haley to Cutts is a concern, particularly with traffic movements from Dunkin and Yummy's.
- 8. Beech Ridge traffic signal does not work well as green time on Route 1 is short.
- 9. Trees/bushes encroach into roadway and create safety concerns for bicyclists and others.
- 10. Traffic is growing and should be assumed.
- 11. Future Development like to 300 apartment complex should be accounted in the study.
- 12. While not a high crash location, Lewis Road is a concern and should be monitored.

Planning Approach

- Develop growth scenarios to illustrate the implications of growth in regard to the design of Route 1.
- Investigate a range of Route 1 designs to encourage bike / pedestrian activity, improve aesthetics, and strike a balance between mobility and placemaking

Traffic Growth Assumptions

Scenario 1 – 20 Years

- 1000 Residential Units
- 2 hotels
- 100,000 SF Retail/Restaurant/Entertainment
- 15,000 SF Office
- Redevelopment of some of the existing outlets

Scenario 2 – 20 Years

- 2000 Residential Units
- 5 Hotels
- 200,000 SF Retail/Restaurant/Entertainment
- 25,000 SF Office
- Redevelopment of more outlets than in Scenario 1

Build Out Analysis – Scenario Ex. Zoning



Connectivity

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Pedestrian and Bike System

Roadway Alternatives

Ox

Point

Drive to

Wilson

Road

ROW=86' Width=63'

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Pros:

- No or low cost.
- No widening impacts to abutting properties.

- Does not address safety issues.
- Mobility impacted by left turns.
- No bicycle accommodations.

ROW=86' Width=86'

Pros:

- Provides space for left turns.
- May improve some crash patterns.
- Excess width can be used for bike lanes/sidewalks/streetscape.
- Lower cost vs. widening
- Shorter crossing distances for pedestrians.
- Center turn lane provides easier access in and out of businesses.

<u>Cons:</u>

- Transition from interchange area problematic.
- Reduced roadway capacity will lead to congestion. Eliminated from consideration
- Less through lanes at the Wilson Road intersection would increase queue lengths.

Ox to Wilson: 5 Lanes w/ Shared Use Path

ROW=86' Width=86'

Pros:

- Improved vehicle mobility.
- May improve crash patterns.
- Center turn lane provides easier access in and out of businesses.

- Requires roadway widening.
- High cost.
- Wider pedestrian crossings.
- May increase speeds.
- Potential Property impacts.
- Increased roadway width could increase closed drainage system needs.

ROW=86' Width=86'

Pros:

- May improve crash patterns.
- Center turn lane provides easier access in and out of businesses.
- Shorter crossing distance for pedestrians at Wilson.
- Reserves ROW for bike/ped facilities.

Cons:

 Increased congestion on Route 1 SB, particularly at Wilson. Eliminated from consideration.

Route 1 and Wilson Road

· SEE ADVANCED DILEMMA ZONE DETAIL (35 MPH)

Option #1 No Change (Existing)

Pros:

No cost

Cons:

- No bicycle accommodations.
- Long pedestrian crossings.

Option #2 Single Through Lanes (matches three lane Section)

Pros:

- Reduces crossing distances for pedestrians.
- Provides space for streetscape and enhanced active transportation facilities.

Cons:

- Medium cost.
- Decreased traffic capacity. Eliminated from consideration.

Option #3 Single Through Lane SB (matches Four lane Section)

Pros:

- Reduces crossing distances for pedestrians.
- Provides space for streetscape and enhanced active transportation facilities.

Cons:

- Medium cost.
- Decreased traffic capacity on Rte. 1 southbound.
 Eliminated from consideration.

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Transportation Alternatives

Wilson to Spruce Creek– Existing

ROW=73' - varies Width=73'

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Pros:

Cons:

No or low cost.

mobility.

issues.

facilities.

conditions.

No widening impacts to

Does not address safety

Wide roadway with no bike

No improvement to sidewalk

abutting properties.

Provides good traffic

ROW=73' - varies Width=73'

Pros:

- Provides space for left turns.
- Excess width can be used for bike

lanes/sidewalks/streetsc ape.

- Lower cost vs. widening
- Shorter crossing distances for pedestrians.

<u>Cons:</u>

- Reduced roadway capacity will lead to congestion. Eliminated from consideration.
- Less through lanes at the Wilson Road intersection would increase queue lengths.

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ROW=73' - varies Width=73'

Pros:

- Maintains vehicle mobility.
- Provides path on east side.
- No widening required.
 Cons:
- Low cost.
- Wide pedestrian crossings.
- Potential property impacts.
- Path is minimum width and no separation to roadway.
- No improvement to the sidewalk on west side.

ROW=73' - varies Width=73'

Pros:

- Shorter crossing distances for pedestrians.
- Reserves ROW for bike/ped facilities.

- Increased congestion on Route 1 SB. Eliminated from consideration.
- Less expensive vs. 5-Lane Section.

Route 1 and KTP/Cottage Way

Option #1 STOP Signs (Existing)

Pros:

- Free flow traffic on Route 1.
- No cost.

Cons:

- Long delays from side streets.
- Does not address safety issue.
- Pedestrian crossing uncontrolled.

Option #2 Traffic Signal

Pros:

- Reduced delay for side streets.
- Controlled crossing for pedestrians.
- Likely mitigates safety problem.

<u>Cons:</u>

- Route 1 traffic must stop.
- Medium cost.
- Proximity to Wilson Road could create queueing issues between the intersections.

Option #3 Roundabout

Pros:

- Reduced delay for side streets.
- Controlled crossing for pedestrians.
- Likely mitigates safety problem.

- Requires large amount of space. This would cause impacts to surrounding properties.
- High cost.

Boulevard / Roundabout Concept

Wilson to Spruce Creek

ROW=73' - varies Width=73'

Pros:

- Maintains vehicle mobility.
- Provides path on east side.
- No widening required.
- Traffic calming from median.
- Safety benefits from median and access control.

<u>Cons:</u>

- Moderate cost.
- Wide pedestrian crossings.
- Potential property impacts.
- Path is minimum width and no separation to roadway.
- No improvement to the sidewalk on west side.

Transportation Alternatives

Spruce Creek – Existing

ROW=77' Width=60'

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Pros:

- No or low cost.
- No widening.
- Provides good traffic mobility.
- Provides some space for bicyclists.

- Wide roadway with no bike facilities.
- No improvement to sidewalk conditions.
- Does not address sea-level rise.

Spruce Creek: 3 Lanes

ROW=77' Width=60'

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Pros:

- Provides a path on east side.
- Improves sidewalk width on west side.
- Medium cost.Cons:
- May increase congestion southbound. Feasibility to be determined with further analysis.
- Does not address sealevel rise.

Spruce Creek: 4 Lane Rebuild

ROW=77' Width=63'

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Pros:

- Provides a path on east side.
- Raises crossing for seallevel rise.

- High cost.
- May impact properties due to increased bridge elevation.
- Sidewalk not improved on west side.

ROW=77' Width=60'

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Pros:

Cons:

level rise.

High cost.

elevation.

on west side.

Provides separate path. Raises crossing for seal-

May impact properties

due to increased bridge

Sidewalk not improved

Transportation Alternatives

Spruce Creek to Outlets at Kittery- Existing

ROW=66' – at Narrowest/Varies Width=57'

Spruce Creek to Outlets at Kittery– Option 1

ROW=66' – at Narrowest/Varies Width=57'

Pros:

- Good traffic mobility.
- No or low cost.
- No widening impacts to abutting properties.

- Wide pedestrian crossings.
- Does not address safety issues.
- Mobility impacted by left turns.
- No bicycle accommodations.
- Low-level pedestrian facilities.

Spruce Creek to Outlets at Kittery– Option 2

ROW=66' – at Narrowest/Varies Width=66'

Pros:

- May improve some crash patterns.
- Excess width can be used for bike

lanes/sidewalks/streetscape.

- No or little ROW impacts.
- Medium cost.
- Shorter crossing distances for pedestrians.
- Center turn lane provides easier access in and out of businesses.

<u>Cons:</u>

- Traffic mobility will be reduced, particularly on weekends.
 Feasibility to be determined with further analysis.
- Less through lanes at intersections would increase queue lengths.

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Spruce Creek to Outlets at Kittery- Option 3

ROW=66' – at Narrowest/Varies Width=76'

- Pros:
- Good vehicle mobility.
- Removes left turns.
- Could reduce the number of crashes by removing the left turning movements.
- Path provided on west side, although minimum width.

- If combined with roundabouts, requires large amounts of space. This would cause impacts to surrounding properties.
- If combine with signals, U-turn movements not accommodated.
- ROW impacts.
- High cost.

Spruce Creek to Outlets at Kittery– Option 4

ROW=66' – at Narrowest/Varies Width=66'

- Pros:
- Removes left turns.
- Could reduce the number of crashes.
- No or little ROW impacts.
- Excess width can be used for bike lanes/sidewalks.

- Capacity reduced on Route 1 southbound. Feasibility to be determined with further analysis.
- If combined with roundabouts, require large amounts of space. This would cause impacts to surrounding properties.
- If combine with signals, U-turn movements not accommodated.
- High cost.
- Emergency response SB may be constrained

Route 1 and Outlets Signals North of Spruce Creek

Option #1: Traffic Signals (Existing)

Pros:

- No cost.
- Allows for pedestrian phase to cross intersection.

Cons:

None

Option #2: Roundabout

Pros:

- Traffic on Route 1 is free flowing.
- Good overall traffic operations.
- Removes left turns.
- Could reduce the number of crashes by removing the left turning movements.
 <u>Cons:</u>
- Roundabouts require large amounts of space. This would cause impacts to surrounding properties.
- Large ROW impacts.
- High cost.

Transportation Alternatives

Outlets at Kittery to Lewis Road

Roadway Segment Configuration/Geometry Option #1: Two Lanes (Existing)

Pros:

No cost.

Cons:

Does not provide turn opportunities into and out of businesses.

Option #2: Three Lanes (CTWLTL)

Pros:

- Improves traffic safety.
- Improves traffic mobility.

- Medium cost.
- Potential ROW impacts.

Haley/Cutts/Lewis Intersections

Route 1/Haley Road

- Remove NB right-turn lane.
- Change SB lanes to a dedicated left lane and a through lane.

Route 1/Cutts Road

Reconfigure Cutts Road approach for separate left and right lanes.

Route 1/Lewis Road

No change – monitor for safety issues

Pedestrian and Bike System

Outlets at Kittery to Lewis Road - Sidewalks

Option #1: Sidewalk on Both Sides

Pros:

Provides facility for walking to land uses to the north.

Cons:

- High cost.
- Lower pedestrian demand.
- Potential for ROW impacts.

Option #2: Sidewalk on West Side

Pros:

 Connectivity to residential land uses on Cutts Road and sidewalk being built near Lewis Road.

<u>Cons:</u>

- High cost.
- Low pedestrian demand.
- Potential for ROW impacts.

Option #3: Sidewalk on East Side

Pros:

 Connectivity to some businesses like Dunkin and Coachman Inn.

Cons:

- High cost.
- Low pedestrian demand.
- Potential for ROW impacts.

Option #4: No sidewalks

Pros:

- No cost.
- No ROW impacts.

Cons:

Unsafe for pedestrians.

Outlets at Kittery to Lewis Road - Bicyclists

Bicycle Facilities

Option #1: Use of Existing Shoulders

Pros:

No cost.

Cons:

Sharing road would be a high stress condition.

Option #2: Widen for formal bike lanes.

Pros:

 Provides facility as recommended in bike/ped plan.

Cons:

- High cost.
- Potential for ROW impacts.

Option #3: Construct Shared Use Path

Pros:

Fully protected facility.

Cons:

- High cost.
- Potential for ROW impacts.
- Not recommended in bike/ped plan.

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Lewis Road to York

Roadway Segment Configuration/Geometry

- Maintain one lane in each direction.
- Consider left turn lanes at future driveways generating high traffic volumes.

Pedestrian Facilities

- No sidewalks.
- Bike/Ped Plan recommends use of buffered shoulder.

Bicycle Facilities

 Provide buffered bike lanes/shoulder as recommended in bike/ped plan.

Beech Ridge Road/Southside Road

 Upgrade traffic signal equipment for improved traffic efficiency.

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Public Meeting #2	January 24, 2024
Project Team Meeting to Discuss Volume Forecasts and Initial Alternatives Analysis	October 2023
Transmit Initial Working Draft of Alternatives Analysis	November 2023
Project Team Meeting to Review Draft Alternatives Analysis Technical Memorandum	December 2023
Public Meeting #2	January 2024
Transmit Draft Final Report	March 2024
Project Team Meeting to Review Draft Report	March 2024
Public Meeting #3	April 2024
Project Team Meeting to Review Revised Draft	April 2024
Transmit Final Report	May 2024

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Public Comments

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